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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 13, 2004, Applicant elects Species A, sub-species A3, Figure 8, i.e. claims 1-3, without traverse. Claim 1 is generic. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining species by appropriate means in the future, such as by divisional application.

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